

Wire Winding Suggestion Results in Customer Service, Speed & Cost Benefits

DDJC EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION SAVES MONEY, IMPROVES SERVICE

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David Tuhy, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) Forklift Operator, came up with an idea that reduces operating costs, speeds the selection process, and improves service to the customer. As a forklift operator in Warehouse 13, several times a day Tuhy would have to take small diameter wire and some light sleeving from its location back to where the electric winders were located, even though he had a portable coil winding contraption on his forklift.

"Some of the stuff we ship is so fine, that it would just end up in a ball," said Tuhy.

Other fine wire would work out OK, but when the customer unraveled it the first time they used it, the wire would end up in a tangled mess.

Tuhy got the idea that perhaps the portable winder on his forklift could be adapted with an apparatus for winding both coils and spools for fine wire and light sleeving.

"I got together with machinist Bill James," said Tuhy. "Together we worked on it, trying to keep it simple and inexpensive."



David Tuhy winds bulk wire onto a spool for a customer on his platform lift. He suggested that the portable setup be modified so that spools can be used on smaller diameter wire and sleeving. He earned \$1,085 for the idea.

Now when he has something that should be shipped on a spool, he just slides the coiler off its spindle and slides on the spool. He is then ready to wind off any amount the customer wants in location. He eliminated the time consuming step of having to go to the section of the warehouse where the electric winders are located.

Tuhy is already thinking about improving the idea by motorizing the apparatus with a cordless drill.



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David Tuhy, Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, California (DDJC) Forklift Operator/Materials Handler, was named the Defense Distribution Center (DDC) Employee of the Quarter. Barbara Douglas, Bulk Branch 3 Supervisor, credits Tuhy's initiative for often volunteering for special projects.

"He is equally comfortable working alone or as a team member," said Douglas. Tuhy often makes suggestions for workplace improvement. His suggestions include: Safety mats on platform lifts to ease stress on the employees feet, legs, and back; back-up beepers on turret lifts that warn warehouse

personnel a lift is about to exit an aisle; and, a modification to portable spool winding devices for small diameter wire and sleeving.

"Dave holds himself to very high standards," Douglas said, "His attention to detail is fantastic and much appreciated."

"I'm proud of the entire DDJC Team," said COL Ed Visker, USA, Commander, DDJC, "We encourage innovative ideas from all areas of the organization and I'm so glad we are able to recognize a really outstanding member of the team like Dave Tuhy."